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**Amendment**

LCO No. 6298

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 887

File No. 441

Cal. No. 306

**"AN ACT CONCERNING POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 9-168d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2004*):

5 (a) [On or before July 1, 1980, each] The area for polling at each  
6 polling place shall be made accessible to and usable by physically  
7 disabled persons by [complying with the following standards of  
8 accessibility: (1) Doors, entrances, and exits used to gain access to or  
9 egress from the polling place shall have a minimum width of thirty-  
10 one inches; (2) temporary ramps shall be made available or curb cuts  
11 provided where necessary for accessibility to the entrance; (3) any  
12 stairs necessarily used to enter the polling place shall have a temporary  
13 handrail and ramp; (4) in the polling place, no barrier shall impede the

14 path of the physically disabled to the voting booth] complying with  
15 the standards of the State Building Code, as revised pursuant to  
16 section 29-269, relating to accessibility to, and use of, buildings and  
17 structures by persons with disabilities.

18 (b) The registrars of voters in each town, or the legislative body of  
19 the town, shall select as polling places only those sites [which meet the  
20 standards of accessibility required under the State Building Code, as  
21 revised pursuant to section 29-269, if applicable, or this section] in  
22 which the area for polling complies with or can be designed to comply  
23 with the standards of the State Building Code, as revised pursuant to  
24 section 29-269, relating to accessibility to, and use of, buildings and  
25 structures by persons with disabilities.

26 (c) The registrars or such legislative body may select a site [not  
27 meeting] that does not comply with such standards if (1) no available  
28 site within the voting district or town can reasonably be made  
29 accessible, [if] and (2) an application for waiver is filed with the  
30 Secretary of the State and approved by the Office of Protection and  
31 Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities. An application for waiver shall  
32 be filed at least sixty days prior to the date on which the primary or  
33 election will be held and shall include evidence of the town's efforts to  
34 secure an accessible location and reasons why the town is unable to  
35 provide a polling place that complies with such standards. The  
36 Secretary of the State shall, within seven days after receipt of any such  
37 application, refer the application to said office of protection and  
38 advocacy. Said office shall, within thirty days, review the application  
39 and inform the Secretary of the State of its approval or disapproval.  
40 The Secretary of the State shall notify the applicant for waiver of such  
41 approval or disapproval within seven days after the secretary is so  
42 informed."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	January 1, 2004